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SUBJ: BENIN AND SAHAROU ARAB DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (POLISARIO)

ESTABLISH FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

1. SEMI-OFFICIAL DAILY ZHUZU ANNOUNCED MAY 12 THAT GOVERNMENT OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN (GPRB) AND SAHARAOU ARAB DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC(SADR) (THE POLISARIO) HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE EMBASSY LEVEL. GPRB HAS AGREED TO APPOINTMENT OF AHMET MOHAMED SAID AS THE SADR'S AMB TO BENIN. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF BENIN'S AMB TO THE SADR, NOR WAS IT SPECIFIED WHETHER REPRESENTATION WOULD BE RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT.

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2. COMMENT: ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO LOCAL DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS SINCE BENIN BACKED BY ALGERIA HAS BEEN IN FOREFRONT OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES PROMOTING THE SAHAROU CAUSE. ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA ATTENDED MAY DAY CEREMONIES, TOGETHER WITH A POLISARIO/SADR DELEGATION LED BY POLISARIO INFO MINISTER SALLEK. IT IS BELIEVED THAT FINAL

ARRANGEMENT FOR DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE WAS MADE AT THAT TIME.
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